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## W. L. FOWLER DEAD

### One of Huntingdon's Best Citizens Passes Away

W. L. Fowler, one of the most highly esteemed and useful citizens and business men of Huntingdon died at his home on East Paris street, last Saturday afternoon. The end came after a long and brave fight with tuberculosis. Mr. Fowler had much to live for, a lovely family, a happy home, a splendid and lucrative business and the conscious esteem of everybody, making life happy and contented, but he bore his affliction with a wonderful christian fortitude and was willing to go.

The deceased was 51 years of age, a consecrated and devoted member of the Methodist church, having served as librarian of the Sunday school and on the board of stewards for many years, and always took an active interest in all church work, contributing liberally to the cause.

Mr. Fowler was a man of the highest moral character, upright and honest in his dealings and always found on the right side of moral issues. He was a useful citizen, standing always for Huntingdon and its best interests. He was progressive and a member of the board of mayor and aldermen, a position he held for many years, he stood for those measures that have made for Huntingdon's growth and prosperity. The town has never had a more worthy citizen and one more universally popular with the people, and who stood more firmly for its material development and growth. He was a member of the well-known firm of Carter & Fowler, hardware and grocery merchants.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Misses Edith and Elizabeth and Foster, William and Robert; one sister, Miss Annie Fowler, a school teacher in Florida, and three brothers, Guy, of Akron, Ohio; Basil, of Jourdan, Texas, and Robert, of Tampa, Florida.

The funeral service was conducted late Sunday afternoon by the Rev. W. D. Pickens, of Milan, a former pastor and friend, and interment followed in beautiful Oak Hill cemetery. A large crowd attended the services, many coming from near-by towns and country around. The bereaved family have the sympathy of our entire people.

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS ACTIVE

### Well Attended Mass Meeting at Camden Saturday

The members of the state highway commission spent Monday at Tiptonville, where they are considering highway construction for that section, and Tuesday they were at Dyersburg for a similar mission. All of the members of the board are attending these meetings and expect to take some definite action while they are in this section.

Saturday the board will attend a mass convention at Camden, in Benton county, where they will discuss with the people the question of whether they prefer a direct tax levy for road work or whether the county shall bond itself for this purpose. A large and representative convention is expected, as the people of that section are vitally interested in highway work. In either event the action of Benton county people will have much to do with the completion of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway through that county.

## Not in Politics

There is some interest in this section of the state as to whether or not, Former Gov. Tom C. Rye will make the race for congress to fill the seat now occupied by Hon. T. W. Sims. A newspaper correspondent in Chattanooga recently sent out the following special relative to the matter that may be interesting to some of our readers:

Former Gov. Tom C. Rye, on a visit here in connection with a case in federal court, declared that he

is out of politics. Although admitting that his name was being used in reference to opposing Congressman Thetus Sims at the next election, the former governor said that he was thoroughly enjoying private life, and that he had not as much as flirted with politics since his retirement from the gubernatorial chair.

## Fell Through Platform

Ervin Vawter, while assisting about the ice plant last Monday, fell through a platform and was slightly bruised up. While his injury was not serious, yet it was quite painful, and he was almost put out of business for a few days.

## WILSON COMING HOME

### The President Sailed From Brest Yesterday

President Wilson sailed from Brest yesterday on his homeward journey Wednesday or Thursday.

The president should make the return trip within a week and immediately after his arrival in Washington he will personally present the peace treaty to the senate for ratification. After he clears his desk of accumulated work he will make a "swing around the circle," speaking in support of the treaty and the league of nations covenant.

Nearly all the civilian attaches of the American delegation, whose work is ended with the signing of the treaty by Germany, will also return on the George Washington. The ship will bring 2,500 troops in addition to the Wilson party.

## SERIOUSLY CUT

### Wilbon Downtin Suffers in a Personal Difficulty

In a personal difficulty with a Mr. Butler from Humboldt, while attending the street carnival at Milan last Saturday night, Wilbon Downtin was seriously cut about the chest and in the forehead. Butler is said to have used both a knife and a dirk.

They were throwing at the dolls when the trouble came up, and after some hot words the fight ensued. The trouble, it is claimed, had its origin when some Humboldt boys were not allowed to enter a dance hall in Milan some time before that, and there had been bad feeling among the young men of the two towns since that time.

Downtin lives in Milan and is a railroad mail clerk, but formerly lived at Atwood and has a brother residing there now. At last accounts his condition was thought to be serious. Mr. Butler was placed under arrest.

## CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS

### Foreman of Grand Jury and Jury Commissioners Appointed

The June term of the circuit court convened last Monday, Judge T. H. Harwood and Gen. G. C. Sherrod both being present. The judge at once took up the appointment of a foreman of the grand jury and a jury commission for Carroll county. C. M. Townes was appointed foreman of the grand jury to serve a term of two years, and following are the jury commissioners named: Geo. W. Parish, Huntingdon; S. L. Barger, Atwood; J. M. Thomas, McKenzie, and A. M. Pinson, Vale. These commissioners are to serve two years. Preceding each term of court they shall meet at the court house, make out a list of 40 names of good men, known for their integrity, common sense and sound judgement, which list shall be the jury list. From this list the court selects his juries. They are to be paid \$5 each for each list of jurors selected. Any man who seeks to have his name placed on this list is subject to a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$100, and imprisonment in the county jail not less than six months. It will be hard to pack a jury under this law.

The foreman of the grand jury is an important position. He is to do much of the work of the attorney-general in assisting the grand jury, besides other duties the law imposes upon him.

It would be hard to find better men for these positions than those the judge named and their duties will be performed without fear or favor.

The court adjourned until the third Monday in October. This was done on account of the condition of the crops and the lateness of farm work. The next regular term will be the fourth Monday in October, and this arrangement will give three weeks in which to complete the work of the docket.

## Optical Society

The Tennessee Optical Society held its annual convention in Jackson last week. Much business of importance was attended to and some very valuable work planned for the future. C. R. Hotchkiss, of Jackson, was elected president; C. S. Hobbs, of Chattanooga, vice-president, and E. C. Freeman, of Huntingdon, secretary. The 1920 convention will be held in Chattanooga during the month of February. Mr. Freeman was very much pleased with the work of the convention and feels that the organization will accomplish much good, in helping to enforce the laws against ignorant peddlers of eye glasses, by whom much injury is some times done.

## MEMPHIS-TO-BRISTOL HIGHWAY

### Judge Enoch Attends Conference With State Commissioners

Judge Wilson Enoch attended a conference of the State Highway Commissioners and the judges of the county courts of the counties through which the western section of the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway passes, held in Nashville last week.

The county judges met the commissioners at the commissioners' request, that they might go over the situation together. It was an important meeting, and Judge Enoch expressed himself as being highly pleased with the prospect of the road through Carroll county being built at an early date.

A blue-print of the road through Carroll is now being prepared, which will be completed and presented to the federal government for approval in about two or three weeks. When the plans receive the approval of the government, the next move will be to get ready for work.

Carroll county has provided \$85,000 for the construction of the Bristol-to-Memphis Highway and the road leading from McKenzie to the Henderson county line. The state and federal government will add to that amount \$170,000, making \$255,000 available for road work in this county.

If the county courts of Weakley and Obion counties, at their sessions next Monday, vote bonds to meet their portion of the cost of the highway leading from Reelfoot Lake to Huntingdon, and it is believed they will do so, this road will likely be constructed this fall. Contract has already been let and work has begun on the road from Paris to McKenzie, which is a part of the St. Louis to Shiloh Park Highway. The road from McKenzie to Huntingdon will be a part of both these highways, and will very likely be built at an early date.

## Protracted Meeting

The Christian church in Huntingdon has secured the services of Prof. Hall L. Calhoun, of Bethany College, West Virginia, to hold the annual protracted meeting, beginning next Sunday, June 29. Bro. Calhoun will be remembered by many in this section, having held two meetings here several years ago. He was born on a farm in Henry county, educated in Kentucky University, graduating with high honors from that institution, and holds the record of making the highest grade of any student for nearly 100 years. He then came back to Tennessee and

was for years regarded as the strongest preacher in the state.

He left Tennessee in 1901 to take a course of study in Yale and Harvard, which he did, and came away from those institutions with the highest honors that could be conferred, the degrees of M. A. and Ph. D.

The little church in Huntingdon is indeed fortunate in securing the service of a man with a national reputation and scholar second to none in the world, with all this Bro. Calhoun is one of the most simple, plain and most modest men in the brotherhood.

J. F. NEELY.

## FIVE MEN KILLED

### Two Freight Trains in Head-on Collision Near Paris

Five trainmen were killed and two seriously injured when a heavily loaded coal train, No. 24, northbound, and the third section of freight train No. 115, southbound, crashed in a head-on collision Wednesday morning shortly after midnight one mile north of Faxon, on the Memphis division of the Louisville & Nashville railroad. Faxon is a small station near Paris.

The reported dead are: W. A. Stevens, engineer; Robert Askew, engineer; J. R. Traxton, fireman; O. P. Trotter, brakeman, and Mr. Clark, conductor. Nearly all of these reside at Paris. Claud Fletcher, brakeman, of McKenzie, saved his life by jumping, but was slightly injured. Much railroad property was destroyed. The wreck was caused by one of the crews failing to comply with orders.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING

### Ondean Leslie Victim of Bolt While Working in Field

Wednesday of last week, while working in the field, James Ondean Leslie was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed.

Young Leslie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Leslie, and was only 11 years old. He was plowing when the storm cloud came up and his father sent Cleo, his 13-year-old brother, to the field after him. When Cleo was within about thirty steps of where Ondean was at work, the deadly bolt of lightning did its terrible work.

Mr. Leslie lives at the G. M. Douglass farm in the Thirteenth district, and Dr. Roy Douglass and wife had gone out from Huntingdon to visit the old home place, and together with the Leslie family were sitting on the gallery, when the accident occurred. They rushed to the scene of the killing, but nothing could be done to restore the lad, the bolt having entered his head, passing down through the body, causing instant death.

Ondean was a bright boy, the pride of his family, and his death is a sore affliction.

## M. I. CHAMBERS KILLED

### Neck Broken When Falls From Load of Hay

M. L. Chambers, familiarly known as "Dood" Chambers, fell from a load of hay last Saturday afternoon and was instantly killed.

Mr. Chambers lived on his farm near Buena Vista, and was saving hay when the terrible accident occurred. He was hauling hay from his farm and ricking it near the barn. He had driven a load up to the rick, but lacked about two feet of stopping at the desired place, and started up his team again. The wagon wheel struck a rail that projected out from under the rick and the jar caused Mr. Chambers to fall from the load of hay, and his head striking the ground his neck was broken. His wife, who had come out from the house when he drove up to the rick, was standing near the wagon when her husband fell, landing near her feet. Eulon Dickerson and a negro by the name of Ad Johnson, were present when the fatal accident occurred.

Mr. Chambers was about 65 years old, and is survived by his wife, four daughters, Mrs. Will Wright, of Huntingdon; Mrs. Lucile French, of Hollow Rock; Miss Xistera Chambers, of Colorado, and a daughter in the west, and four sons, all of whom are in the west; one brother, ex-Sheriff Sebe Chambers, of Hollow Rock, and four sisters, Mrs. Addie Young, Mrs. Mollie Butler, Mrs. Dollie White and Mrs. Raulie Rivers, all of Martin.

Mr. Chambers was a hard working man, a successful farmer and reared a splendid family of children. The burial services were held at the Spellings cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev. T. M. Boyd officiating. A large crowd of friends was present, a number going from Huntingdon. The bereaved have the sympathy of many friends.

## LEAGUE AND TREATY

### Bottom Drops Out of Fight Made by Republicans

Democratic leaders in the senate are rejoicing over the prospect for success of the league of nations and the treaty of peace when these combined documents are presented to the senate for consideration. The virtual withdrawal of the Knox resolution is declared to have been due to a realization that the measure could not muster the requisite vote. Many of the republicans even who signed the round robin just before adjournment of the last congress, are wavering in their allegiance to the party leaders. "The bottom has dropped out of the republican opposition to the league of nations," said Senator McKellar, "and the Borah defies the Root-Lodge backdown and the ignominious withdrawal of the Knox resolution puts the republicans in worse condition than they were in 1916, just after Candidate Hughes declined to call on Hiram Johnson in California. The treaty of peace, including the league of nations, will be confirmed by the senate just as President Wilson has written them and that in a very short time.

## Drug Store Sold

W. M. Edwards, who has been in the drug business at Hollow Rock for a number of years, has sold his business to Dr. L. L. Duncan. The deal was made this week, and an invoice of the stock was taken and the transfer made.

## Slightly Burned

Henry C. Hill was slightly burned about the face and chest last Monday while working at the ice plant. While endeavoring to repair a valve some liquid ammonia escaped, striking his face and chest, and it was some time before he could get away from it and secure relief. The burn was quite painful and he was almost put out of business for a while.

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